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Hongkong, 20th November, 1891. [1429]

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TAI ON SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

I, U CHEUK TONG, have this day been
appointed GENERAL MANAGER of the
above Company.U CHEUK TONG,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1891. [1445]

NOTICE.I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. THOMAS
FREDERICK HOUGH as a Partner in
my business, which will henceforth be conducted
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Hongkong, 1st December, 1891. [1460]UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.**NOTICE.**THE Undersigned has RESUMED
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By order of the Board,N. J. KEE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1891. [1465]

NOTICE.WE have this Day established a BRANCH
of our Shanghai Firm at 66, Queen's
Road Central, late H. FOURNIER & CO. We
intend to continue the same kind of Business
Price Lists and Circulars will be issued as soon
as the New Stock arrives.

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1891. [1358]

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NOTICE.

EOTHEN MARK LODGE—No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN
MARK LODGE of "MARK" MARTIN
MASONs will be held on WEDNESDAY
EVENING, the 9th instant, at 8.30 p.m.
precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially in-
vited to attend.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1891. [1461]

NOTICE.

GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATED

PICTORIAL WORLD

BLACK AND WHITE

YOUNG LADIES' JOURNAL

and OTHERS.

W. BREWER'S

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Hongkong, 10th December, 1891. [1461]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1891.

DEATH.

Monday, 7th December, at Mount Kellet,
WILLIAM BRASIER, younger son of W. K. and
Emma Wyke, aged 7 months.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1891.

WHEN an official of the Hongkong Govern-
ment wants to go away and give his
overworked brain a rest, he gets four
months leave on full pay, and eight months
on half pay. In the meantime he has to
find some kind Christian friend to do his
work—they call it "work" quite seriously
—and during the first four months the
pay is a matter of arrangement between
the two, while the pay of the
locum tenens during the other eight
months is the forfeited half of the
real office holder's salary. If the substitute
is also an official, he draws during the
first period his original pay, and after-
wards half of it and half the pay of his
temporary office. So that, during the
twelve months, the absentee draws four
months full and eight months half, or
(say) altogether eight months full pay—
eight months' wages in full for no work at
all.

For instance, Mr. FLEMING draws \$6,480

and rests his brain a year. Mr. GOODMAN

takes his place, leaving a vacancy for an

Attorney General, and Mr. LEACH is called in. Mr. GOODMAN would ordinarily draw

\$7,800 but under this arrangement he draws

\$8,400 so that he has nothing very great

to grumble at. Mr. LEACH manages to

make out on \$2,600 during his tenure of

office. (These are the figures as they

work out on the usual system. It may be,

of course, that private arrangements have

been made, but for the sake of example

the customary plan may be considered as

retained.)

Now, this is a maxim of our Government

that "What is, is good"—the work of all

departments, as now proceeding, is satis-

factory, and nothing more can be desired. Then, granting that it is so, admitting that no fault can be found with the conduct of all the departments of Government, the question arises whether it would not be as well to extend all the current leaves *theis dñs*, to give to these weary workers now over the seas a permanent holiday. The work would still go on. Then why not go further and save the money? In spite of the childish quibbles of the Acting Colonial Secretary, it is a fact that a saving of \$98,000 a year would be made. An examination of the figures shows that the amount actually paid out to people who are "busy resting"—not, please observe, Mr. GOODMAN, not to those who are working, for somebody else—the amount paid to actual non-workers is in round figures \$98,000.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NATIVE INDIAN REGIMENT FOR HONGKONG.

LONDON, December 3rd.

A Royal Warrant for the formation of an Indian Native infantry regiment for service in Hongkong has been issued.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Yerista* left Yokohama yesterday morning, for this port.

A *Gazette* notice announces the appointment of Mr. Walter Calme Hillier to be Consul General in Korea.

The following appointment has been made at the Admiralty:—Paymaster C. S. More, to the *Resolute*, to date October 12th.

"He that takes a wife takes care," says Franklin; but Brown says that Franklin is wrong—"that he who takes care doesn't take a wife."

The return of stamp revenue in Hongkong during November show a total of \$13,460, being a decrease of \$1,111 as compared with November 1890.

A serious mishap has occurred off Plymouth, two fishing boats having been struck and sunk by shots from the gunboat *Plucky* while at practice. One man was drowned.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 14th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

The American ship *R. R. Thomas*, which arrived here yesterday from New York, reports having "spoken" the bark *Hectoroga* which left the 13th ult., 65 days out from Gibbons Island to Falmouth.

Lord HAWKE and his cricketing team have returned home well satisfied with the results of their brief tour in America. They played in eight matches, won six, lost one, and left one unfinished—a capital record, as the eleven had no claim to be considered representative. Mr. Hill, who came back to England in advance of his friends, and Mr. H. T. Hewitt—the Captain of the Somersetshire County team—remained behind to pay some visits in New York, but all the other players have reached Queenstown. The Englishmen were everywhere received with the greatest cordiality, and Lord Hawke has already determined to undertake another tour in 1892.

The "White Star" Frisco liner *Oceanic* worked cargo yesterday and \$100 was paid for the privilege, in due course. Two hundred dollars may be, and doubtless is, a trifle to the wealthy owners of the White Star, P. & O. and other great fleets of "ocean-fliers," but there can be little question that the charge, small though it be, is deterring a great many from unnecessarily working cargo on Sundays. This was really a case of urgency, owing to the delay in the shipment of freight consequent on Thursday night's storm, which wrecked a large number of cargo-boats and coal lighters which should have been alongside her at an early hour on Friday the 4th instant.

The London and China *Express* says:—We have previously had occasion to compliment the Jelbou Mining and Trading Company on being the first in mining venture under European superintendence, in the Native Malay States, to bring its labours to a successful conclusion. The report for the six months from Feb. 9 to Aug. 5 (the company is closely akin to Chinese systems, for it adopts the Chinese calendar) shows that the operations continue to be successful. The report points out that no material alterations have been made in the method of working, which is still carried on chiefly on the Chinese tribute system; and the directors think, with apparent justice, that the company has shown that that system, notwithstanding its many defects, may be made to pay under European management, if that management be sufficiently careful. Does this not show that there may be something wrong in the system which is pursued by the other European tin mining companies in the Peninsula; and cannot some of them proceed on similar lines with hopes of the same success? What the Jelbou Company has done by the tribute system might with advantage be introduced into the working of the Pahang Corporation, which with its huge concession of many hundreds of square miles might be made to pay handsomely. Certainly it is that the present low quotation of 7s. per share for the shares in such valuable concessions almost ridiculous, when the means I making it pay is to be had.

It is notorious that Chinese will make the same ground pay that Europeans lose on heavily. Why not give them a chance on some of the large concessions in Pahang, changing them a royal on the production? The capital of the company might be employed in making certain judicious advances to these workers, a kind of business which the report of the Jelbou Company states to be very remunerative. Careful management on the spot is what is here required, and if any companies elect to work on this system they would have to entrust their managers with full power.

Under the heading "Encroachments upon Sunday," a correspondent writes to the *Calcutta Statesman*:—It has long since been said that "corporations have no souls" and this becomes more true the more powerful the corporation, in question may chance to be. The Directors of great lines of railway and of steamship companies seldom think of their employees when laying out or prosecuting their plans of operation. Sunday is in every sense of the word the labouring man's day. Even in countries where his religious sanctity is not much respected, movements are becoming very common to secure what one's day's rest in seven. Attention has been called to the fact that the stevedores in the river have commenced unloading on Sundays at the jetties, for the first time since the Jetties were built. This may not seem like a very serious matter at first, but it is one step among many others in the wrong direction. The great firms which own or control the various steamship lines which trade at our port will no doubt say that the cases are urgent, etc., but surely urgency in Calcutta cannot be a more serious matter than urgency in London, or Hong Kong, or Melbourne. It is simply now senseless, because they are rich and powerful, to issue orders on the plea of urgency, which will take away the poor man's rest, as well as break down the sanctity of a day which Christians, I mean, number of men, will number 900, giving a total of 4,700 guns and eight 3-pounders, and the garrison is to be held in readiness to repel the attack of the Chinese.

The proposed Hongkong Battalion will be raised in Upper India, and recruited entirely from the Mahomedan population. Its complement of officers will be one Commandant of the rank of Major, two wing commanders (Captains), five wing officers (Lieutenants), a medical officer, eight subalterns, and a smaller number of jemadars. The non-commissioned officers and men will number 900, giving a total of 1,019 of all ranks. The proposed rate of pay and staff allowances are to be the same as in the Indian Staff Corps, but colonial allowance up to a certain limit will be granted. The exact amount has to be settled by the War Office.

Major E. G. Barrow, who left the Royal Engineers last year, is to be the first commandant, and he is returning to India to raise the regiment. The War Office desires to keep what little patronage there is in the matter of appointments to the battalion in the hands of its own officers, but any case they will have to obtain the officers from the Indian Staff Corps through the Government of India. The rank and file will be treated on the same liberal scale as the Sikh Police in the Straits and China, forsooth on full pay being granted every five years. Major Barrow joined the Army as Ensign, 2nd Foot, Dec. 1871; exchanged to the 29th Foot as Lieutenant, June 27, 1872; and entered the Staff Corps, July 19, 1877. He was in the Indian Intelligence Department, 1874-75, and in the latter year was appointed to the Military Secretariat. He served in the Afghan War of 1879—capture of All Musjid (medal with clasp); in the Egyptian Expedition, 1882, as Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General to Indian Contingent—battle of Tel-el-Kebir (medal with clasp, bronze star, Fifth Class of the Modjeski); and also in the Chitral Expedition, 1885-86 (mentioned in despatches, brevet of Major). Captain Faithful, 33rd Punjab Infantry, will probably be second in command, with Captain Retallack, now attached to the 4th Sikhs; a Wing Commander, Lieutenant Woodcock, 29th Punj. Inf. and Lieutenant Stewart, 4th Sikhs, may possibly be Adjutant and Quartermaster, respectively; while the following officers are applicants for the post of wing officer:—Lieutenant Weston and Bayley, 1st Bengal Infantry; Lieutenant W. H. Watson, 1st Bengal Infantry; Lieutenant G. J. Watson, 1st Bengal Infantry; Lieutenant G. J. Watson, 1st Bengal Infantry; Lieutenant G. J. Watson, 1st Bengal Infantry.

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English verse. It is entitled *New of Pow and Song the English and Japanese*. Occasionally Spanish youths themselves, like Mr. and Mrs. Bonin, "drop into poetry."

THE WATERFALL AT YORO, NEAR LAKE BIWA.

The name is well-known by the all. The graceful scene from old to now; Not only scene but waterfall. With silver colour, sail-like bow.

It's thundering shakes country round, Dash'd in a cloud of water. Small silver balls on loftily send Heavy mist and ceaseless shower.

It comes far up the mountain to Below, a flow of water, then A river, with the branches two. Running quickly to the ocean.

Oh; gentle, gentle, very poor boy, His mind so obey father's sake. A sweet sake, Thou, stout out by, How joyful tears on face he take.

Once and once emperor's visit, Matter was pleasant, and in sure Emperor's mind joyful was set: Honorable name to the year.

The latter part of this poem is somewhat discursive. The following—so far as we apprehend its obscurities through the mist of poetic licence—will appear to be a dithyramb in praise of woman, who is apostrophised as the cement of society, or, to use the youthful bard's own realistic expression, "social glue."

THE GLUE.

The purest flame, the hottest heat Is Woman's Power over earth; Which mighty black and pale down beat, And made the Eden, place of birth. Of what? of what? can thou tell me? A birth of Noble, High, valuable—The station He destined for these— Of woman, Mother, Social Glue. Let her come from earth, to try. What dark mist overthrews human Race! Let Jade claim with all the cry— "Can you still hold and hold your peace?" How sweet, how mirthful, gay is Name! What boon, thing, may exceed in kind? Would she be praised, entailed—not shamed: Tie Pals, of Both, to bound, to bind.

LIST OF PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR CHINA.

P. & O. steamer *Chusan*, from London, Nov. 12th.—To Shanghai: Mr. G. S. Woodward, Mr. Alex. Menzies, Mr. Frank S. Shindler, Mr. H. J. Mason, Miss A. Addison, Miss M. A. Wells, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. E. O. Lindstrom, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown, Mrs. Mackintosh, Miss Helen Cameron. To Hongkong: Rev. E. E. and Mrs. Beauchamp, Sub-Lieut. R. H. Keate.

Per P. & O. steamer *Britannia*, from London, Nov. 13.—To Shanghai: Mr. F. Pell, Mr. Fyler, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Berken, Mr. and Mrs. Dudson. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Playfair, Mr. Babington, Mr. Risch, Mr. T. H. Ried.

Per P. & O. steamer *Thames*, from London, Nov. 13.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Yates, Mr. Hongkong: Mr. Holmes.

Per P. & O. steamer *Malwa*, from London, Nov. 19.—To Shanghai: Mr. A. H. Blanchard, Mr. C. B. Blanchard, Mrs. Blanchard, Miss Blanchard. To Hongkong: Mr. J. W. Fithian, Mr. Fithian, Jun., Mrs. C. Andrews, Mrs. Salter.

Per P. & O. steamer *Sails* from London, Nov. 26.—To Hongkong: Mr. Roberts, Captain Lewis.

Per P. & O. steamer *Masilia*, from London, Nov. 26.—To Shanghai: Mr. A. C. Moule, Mr. E. N. Robertson, Mr. C. H. S. Green. To Hongkong: Mr. Frickel.

Per P. & O. steamer *Kedder*, from London, Dec. 3.—To Shanghai: Captain Bradshaw.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Yongli*, from Marseilles, Nov. 15.—To Shanghai: Mrs. Collins, Mr. Milton.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Sydney*, from Marseilles, Nov. 29.—To Shanghai: Mr. Fries.

ODDS & ENDS.

A Frenchman's gallantry to ladies is said to be always equal to an emergency. At a certain dance recently a gentleman of that race stepped upon the toe of a lady, who looked up with an angry frown. "Pardon, madame," he said, bowing low, "but I have forgot to bring my microscope." "Your microscope?" "But yes; for to see as little feet of madam."

A lady in a red-stiffed dress observed—"I am afraid that little girl will not do for a nurse; she is too small. I should hesitate to trust her with a baby." "Her size, madam!" said the clerk, "we look upon that as her greatest recommendation." "Indeed!" But she is so small!" "I know that she is diminutive; but you should remember that when she drops a baby, it doesn't have so far to fall."

Enter housemaid to give notice. Mistress—"Why, Sarah, what are you dismasted with?" Housemaid (with a simper)—"It ain't as anything is wrong, mum, but I'm going to be married." Mistress—"Why, you didn't tell me you were engaged when you came?" Housemaid—"No, mum, I wasn't then. But you remember you gave me a gold ring about two months ago to go to a funeral. Well, I'm going to marry that corpse's husband."

Johnny, is your sister at home?" said the young man at front door. "Wait till I light the gas—oh, hold on—is your hair sandy?" "Why, no," replied the abashed youth. "Have you got a moustache that cuts up, at the sides?" "No—no, I don't wear a moustache at all." "Hum, have you got a large seal ring on the fourth finger of your left hand?" "No, I haven't." "Then," said Johnny, confidently, "she ain't at home" and he shut the door without further to do.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

England has one Waterfoot survivor. Australia boasts 12-inch caterpillars. There are 74,000 Germans in London. The population of the Fiji Islands is 133,000. Twelve average tea plants produce one pound of tea.

The most heavily taxed country in Europe is France.

Lunacy is increasing in Scotland to an alarming extent.

China is said to be manifesting some interest in Volapuk.

The Kimberley diamond fields are constantly showing new discoveries.

It is said that nearly 40,000 men desert from the German army every year.

Balfour says "opportunities" must be the policy of every wise statesman.

More than \$1,000,000 were received in London during the last year in dog taxes.

There are more blind people among the Spaniards than any other European race.

In the term or court lately opened in London, there were 207 divorce cases on the docket.

The extraordinary rainfall of October all over England has produced the heaviest floods since 1875.

The centenary of the composition of the "Marseillaise" is to be celebrated in a special manner in April, 1892.

The Russian Government has closed the University of Kiev and placed 500 students under arrest for revolutionary behavior.

The bicycle has become almost as popular in Germany as it is in the United States. The German Union of Bicyclists now has over 1,000 members.

Parnell gave the eldest son of the Prince of Wales his nickname of "Collars and Cuffs," which has stuck to him for the last three or four years.

It is said that John Dillon's speech, eulogising Parnell, has softened the feelings of the Parnellites toward him, and that he is now regarded as a probable selection for leader of the party.

The inquisitorial guide who shows people over the field of Waterloo says that nearly all Americans who visit the historic battlefield sympathetic with Napoleon, and the stories he tells them are colored to suit their taste.

Some estimate of the wonderful value of the fishing industry of Great Britain can be gained from the statement that the total catch of fish on the coasts of England and Wales in 1890 was 3,100,000 tons, exclusive of shell-fish.

In an article by Professor Koch, to be published in Berlin, the origin and formula of his remedy for tuberculosis will be treated of. He will announce that he has succeeded by chemical experiments in purifying the lymph of all inflammatory matter.

In Paris are to be seen everywhere colored lithographs representing the Czar and President Carnot united under entwined French and Russian flags. The *caïds chantants* have the Russian hymn, which is sombre and dolorous enough, song and played nightly.

Austria's ability to handle immense bodies of troops easily in railway transportation was demonstrated in the recent manoeuvres near Schwarzenau. In thirty-six hours the Frank-Joseph Railway carried 30,000 men from the scene of the sham battle without a single accident or delay.

Five more rooms have been laid open in that part of Pompeii which has been uncovered this year, and not far from the forum. Visitors were astonished to find in them a number of pieces of bread which must have been wrapped up in napkins, the tissue of which is still in a perfect state of preservation.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

6th December, 1891.—At 4 p.m.

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Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, 170 per cent. premium, buyers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £2,100 paid up, 80 per cent. div. sales and buyers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$200 per share, sellers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$131 per share, sales and buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$120 per share, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884, R.—21 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1885 E—14 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$71 per share, sales and sellers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 255 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$106 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$100, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$325 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$91 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$345 per share, sales and sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—50 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—25 per cent. discount, sales and sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$38 per share, sales and buyers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$81 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.

Goo, Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$60 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$8 per share, sales and buyers.

The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—nominal.

The Shameen Hotel Co., Limited—\$10, sellers.

Pusum and Sungkie Dus Samantan Mining Co.—\$24 per share, sales and buyers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—60 cents per share, sales and sellers.

Imurit Mining Co., Limited—\$92 per share, buyers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, nominal.

Tenquie Coal Mining Co.—\$300 per share, sellers.

The Telulu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$4 per share, buyers.

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—40 cents per share, sellers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$10, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$174 per share, sales and sellers.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$55 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$19 per share, buyers.

Cruickshank & Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sales and sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$74 per share, sellers.

The West Polar Buildings Co., Limited—\$23 per share, buyers.

The Lubok Planting Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$65 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$108 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$80 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$10 per share, nominal.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$14 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$2 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$55 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 3/4

Bank Bills, on demand, 3/4

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/4

Credits at 4 months' sight, 3/4

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/4

ON PARIS—Bank, Bills, on demand, 3/4

Credit, at 4 months' sight, 3/4

On India, T. T. 2/0

On Demand 2/0

ON SHANGHAI—

Bank, T. T. 7/3

Private, 30 days' sight 7/3

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

ESMERALDA, British steamer, 666, G. A. Taylor, 6th Dec.—Manila 3rd Dec, General—Shewan & Co.

SMITH, Chinese steamer, 703, H. Letter, 6th Dec.—Tamsui 20th November, Keeling 1st Dec., Fescondore 3rd, Amoy 4th, and Swatow 5th, General—Saunders & Co.

R. R. THOMAS, American ship, 1,133, P. B. Nichols, 6th Dec.—New York 14th July, Kerosene Oil—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PALLAS, British man-of-war, 2,575, Captain A. MacLellan, 5th Dec.—Singapore 26th Nov., Gun-powder and Shot—Lord Commissioners of Admiralty.

TAIKANG, British steamer, 1,101, H. Hogg, 6th Dec.—Canton 6th December, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PENINSULAR, British steamer, 2,711, A. G. Leggin, 7th Dec.—London 23rd Oct., and Singapore 1st December, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

MIKFOO, Chinese steamer, 1,138, W. H. Lunt, 7th Dec.—Canton 7th Dec, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

WHITE CLOUD, British steamer, 1,138, W. H. Lunt, 7th Dec.—Canton 7th Dec, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEUT. PENINSULAR, British steamer, 2,180, H. Hansen, 7th Dec.—Kuching 2nd Dec, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

VELOX, German steamer, 666, Johansen, 7th Dec.—Cebu 1st Dec, Beans—Siemens & Co.

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NINGCHOW, British steamer, 1,728, H. L. Allen, 7th Dec.—Liverpool 24th Oct., and Singapore 29th Nov., General—Arnold, Barber & Co.

DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, R. Bakran, 7th Dec.—Manila 4th Dec, General—Brand & Co.

THINAN, British steamer, 2,000, W. N. Allison, 7th Dec.—Sydney 14th Nov., General—Butterfield & Swire.

FEDELO, German steamer, 852, H. Brosses, 7th Dec.—Canton 7th Dec, General—Machers & Co.

VERONA, British steamer, 1,876, F. H. Seymour, 7th Dec.—Yokohama 28th Nov., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

LARKET, Italian schooner, for Callao.

NINGCHOW, British steamer, for Shanghai.

HAIKONG, French steamer, for Haiphong.

NISSHO, German steamer, for Shanghai.

4/2, British steamer, for Shanghai.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, for Haiphong.

DEPARTURES.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, H. Hygom, 3rd Dec.—Haiphong 10th Nov., Rice and General—Abrol, Karberg & Co.

BIKUZON, Italian str., 1,600, L. Baccarini, 10th Nov.—Bombay 7th Nov., and Singapore 20th, General—Carlowitz & Co.

DEUTZ, German steamer, 666, C. Christensen, 3rd Dec.—Samtrang 26th Nov., Sugar—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

EMPEROR OF INDIA, British steamer, 3,000, O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., 16th Nov.—Vancouver 25th Oct., Yokohama 10th Nov., and Shanghai 13th—General—Dedwell, Carill & Co.

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FAME, British steamer, 117, Captain McIsaac, 10th Dec.—Hongkong Government tender.

MATTAN British steamer, 1,133, S. Aitken, 5th Dec.—Fochow 1st Dec., Amoy 2nd, and Swatow 4th Dec.—D. Laprak & Co.

HOUSTON, German steamer, 1,103, J. Brunn, 3rd Dec.—Saigon 16th Nov., General—Tung Kee.

INDIA, British steamer, 1,133, G. Aitken, 5th Dec.—Samtrang 26th Nov., Sugar—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

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